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In re Patent Application of WILLARS et al Atty. Ref.: 2380-232 rial No. 09/842,027 Group: 2681 April 26, 2001 Examiner: Combining Differing Transport Technologies In A For: Telecommunications System **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Technology Center 2600 Washington, DC 20231 Sir: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  $\boxtimes$ 1. **PTO-1449 Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)** [within 3 months of filing or prior to 1st Office Action] N/C 2. **Statement Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)** [before Final Office Action or Allowance] N/C 3. Fee Payment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c) [before Final Office Action or Allowance] \$180.00 4. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d) [before Issue Fee payment] \$180.00 The following are submitted in the above-identified application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:  $\boxtimes$ A list of documents on Form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document is enclosed herewith. This paper is submitted in accordance with: M 6. 37 CFR 1.97(b): [within 3 months of filing or prior to 1st Office Action]

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